he is Harijan Muniyappa, belonging to the marriage party, who has sustained head injury. He is in the Mental Hospital, Bangalore and is progressing. The P. C. Gangaiah is kept under suspension for assaulting Wazid and T. Ramu in the Police Out Post on 10-11-1976 and a Departmental Enquiry is ordered against this P. C.

Now the cases have been charge-sheeted and posted to hearing by the Court on the 28th January next year.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಿ. ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಈ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಸತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ದೂರವಾದುದು,

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರೂ, ಈಗ ಮಾತನಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಅದು ಸಬ್ ಜುಡೀಸ್ ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಿ. ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಮುಂದುವೆ ಮುಂಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಮೂವರು ಪೋಲಿಸಿನವರು ವಿನಾಕಾರಣ ಬಿ. ಎ. ಓದುತಕ್ಕ ಒಬ್ಬ ಹುಡುಗನ ತಲೆಗೆ ಹೊಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗ ಆತ ಮೆಂಟಲ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾನೆ ಮೂರೂ ದಿವಸ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾಶೂನ್ಯ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದನು. ಅದಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ಪರಿಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ತರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(II) re : Postponement of election of the President at Mandya Town Municipal Council.

SRI H. T. KRISHNAPPA (Nagamangala).— I call the attention of the Minister for Municipal Administration to the situation arising out of the abrupt postponement of the election of the President of the Town Municipal Council, Mandya.

2-00 P. M.

SRI D. K. NAIKAR (Minister for Municipal Administration and Political Pensions).—Sir I wish to make the following statement

The voting for election of the President and Vice-President of the City Municipal Council, Mandya should have taken place on 29th July 1976 as scheduled. But on the day prior to the date of the voting two councillors of the City Municipal Council, Mandya represented to Government that two of the 31 Municipal Councillors had been spirited away by the interested persons solely with a view to preventing them from voting and that their non-participation in the voting would materially affect the results of the election. In view of this, the councillors requested the Government, to postpone the voting to enable the attendance of the two councillors who were alleged to have been spirited away:

The allegations were made on oath. The local police who were asked to investigate into the truth of the matter reported that the two councillors were not available and their whereabouts were not known. The report of the police, *prima, facie* lent support to the allegations and Government's intervention was considered necessary. The matter was carefully considered by Government on the available evidence secured at short notice.

For Elections to be free, fair and proper, it is necessary that all the councillors participate without fear or coersion. It will not be so if some councillors are somehow kept out and prevented from doing so. In the circumstances it was not thought fit to allow the voting take place on 29-7-1976 for election of the President and Vice-President to the City Municipal Council, Mandya,

Therefore in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 19 of the Karnataka Municipalities (President and Vice-President-Elections) Rules, 1964, and pending further investigation of the matter, the voting scheduled to take place on 29-7-1976 was ordered to be postponed.

Now that the two councilors who were not available for voting on 29-7-1976 and for whose sake, the voting was postponed, are available the stay order issued by Government in order No. HMA 38 TEL 76 dated 29-7-1976 (Postponing the voting on 29-7-1976) has been vacated on 20-10-1976 and directions have been issued to the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya to fix a fresh date for election of the President and Vice-President. It has also been made clear that the previous calendar of events issued by the Election Officer will hold good. Pending elections of the President, and vice-president the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya is performing the functions of the President, Elections of the President & Vice President expected to be completed by the end of November, 1976.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಟಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಮತ್ತು ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ತಿಂಗಳ ಆಖೈರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವರ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ತೃಪ್ತಿಕರವಾಗಿದೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಪುಷ್ಟೀಕರಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ಅದು ನಗಧಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರು ಪಕ್ಷಾಂತರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಕೆ. ನಾಯ್ಕರ್.—ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಕ್ಷಾಂತರದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯೇ ಇಲ್ಲ.

(*iii*) *re : power disconnection at Sri Shankara Textile Mills Davangere and hardship to labourers.*

SMT C. NAGAMMA KESHAVAMURTHY (Davengere).—I call the attention of the Minister for Labour to the Hardship caused to the labourers and the staff of Sree Shankara Textile Mills at Davangere on account of closure of the Mill.

SRI C. N. PATIL (Minister for Labour).—I wish to make the following Statement:

The management of Sree Shankara Textile Mills Ltd., Davangere had 763 workers in employment. This included 682 permanent workers and 61 temporary workers. The management laid-off 299